

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
INTERIM COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, January 12, 1979

Present: R.E. Wall, M. Osborne, W. Akin, J. Chaikelson, M. Cohen, M. Brian R. Cannon, S. Casey, C. Davis, S. Dubas, M. Euvrard, C. Fischer, D. Frost, A. Galler, P. Garnet, T. Gray, H. Habib, J. Kornblatt, J. Macaluso, A. Lajoie, M. Malik, D. McDougall, G. McLaughlin, S. Mullett, G. Newsham, B. Petrie, B. Sahni, B. Smart, R. Tittler, G. Trudel

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Chairman noted that the first entry under Approval of Minutes for December 1, 1978 should read "... the name of R. Cronin should replace that of G. Trudel...".

79-1-1 It was moved and seconded (Casey/Habib) to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 1, 1978 as corrected.

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Dr. Wall, in referring to the previous meeting of Council, said that the Assistant Dean's Office had been charged with a) the preparation of a document concerning academic regulations and b) the presentation of a report concerning these regulations. Following that meeting, Assistant Dean Adler suggested that it might be more appropriate to have the Student Requests Committee do the work. The Chairman asked if the Council members would be willing to accept the change. No objections were voiced.

b) Calendar Entries - Academic Regulations

Assistant Dean Adler reported that the academic regulations which came out of the Registrar's Office will appear in the undergraduate calendar. These will be circulated to the full faculty by the end of January. She added that in view of this, she did not think it should be necessary to prepare a document for the use of advisors as suggested at the last meeting. She noted, however, that there is a misprint in the dates in the section Completion of Courses Graded Incomplete; the Registrar intends to advertise the corrections in all the campus newspapers; she will notify all advisors in the Faculty and the correct dates will be posted.

4. Chairman's Remarks

- a) Dr. Wall reported that he had notified the Deans of the deadline date for submission of nominations for honorary degrees. He asked that the names, together with supporting documentation be sent to his office in time for the Steering Committee meeting of January 25. He noted that decisions would have to be made at the February meeting of Council if the Senate date of February 23 is to be met.
- b) Referring to the last meeting of Senate (December 15) the Chairman said that because the Deans had been unable to attend, the item on the Permanent Composition of the Arts and Science Council had been tabled.

5. Question Period

There were no questions raised.

6. Committee Appointments

- a) Dean's Advisory Committee for the Appointment of a Chairman - FRENCH.

79-1-2

It was moved and seconded (Dubas/Casey) that the Council approve the Steering Committee's nomination of Dr. A. Ketter to the Dean's Advisory Committee for the appointment of a Chairman of French.

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

- b) Department Representatives on the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Linguistics in the Faculty

Dr. Wall announced that he had been informed that the department representatives were Prof. B. Opala for English, Dr. J. Grayson for Modern Languages and Linguistics, and Dr. G. Taggart for French.

Dr. Newsham reported that the TESL Centre had met that morning and had chosen Prof. R. Mackay as their representative.

79-1-3

It was moved and seconded (Macaluso/Lajoie) that the department representatives (B. Opala, J. Grayson, G. Taggart, R. Mackay) be ratified.

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

7. Curriculum Committee Report Special Summer Session - 1979 (ASC79-1-D1)

79-1-4

It was moved and seconded (Tittler/Brian) to approve the Curriculum Committee's Report on the Special Summer Session 1979.

With regard to German C360 (German Culture and Civilization) it was agreed that the description was too wide-ranging, especially for an upper level course. It was explained that this had been deliberately done

in order to assure that credit could be granted for whatever course was to be offered overseas. It was suggested that the course should be offered as a "topics" or "slot" course.

79-1-5

It was moved and seconded (Davis/Malik) to delete German C360 from the report in order to have the Department consider changing the description.

The questions was called on the amendment and was CARRIED.

The question was called on the motion as amended and was CARRIED.

The following editorial changes were accepted:

- to change the word "goods" to "foods" in the description of Chemistry C244.
- to correct the spelling of the word "intermediaire" in the title of French C234-236 and C244-246.
- to correct the spelling of "Henry V" in the description of English 650.

(The report will be submitted to Senate only after the remaining courses to be scheduled have been approved.)

8. Report on Guidelines for the Faculty Honours Committee (as recommended by the Committee) ASC 79-1-D2

79-1-6

It was moved and seconded (Macaluso/Malik) to adopt the report on Guidelines for the Faculty Honours Committee.

It was pointed out that recommendation 4 as written would make it impossible for many students to be admitted to Honours. It was suggested that the wording of the first sentence be changed to:

"A student's acceptance into Honours by the Department Committee (Advisor) is usually reviewed when a student has completed 30 or more, but fewer than 60 credits at Concordia University."

Prof. Mullett read a statement which was supported by some of the members of the Philosophy Department (ASC 79-1-D5, uncirculated) concerning their objections to the role of the Faculty Honours Committee. The position taken by those supporting the statement were that a) only the Department has the qualifications for deciding whether a student meets the requirements in Honours Philosophy, b) the Department's resentment at having to give up this power to an external committee, and c) it is unfair to a student to be penalized if a department is lax in the application of the rules. Their recommendations were three-fold: 1) that the Faculty Honours Committee not be empowered to deny Honours status to any student unless he has failed to meet the requirements of his department, 2) that the department itself be the body which grants Honours status to the students, 3) items 4 and 5 in the Guidelines be rejected by the members of Council.

To the question as to the use of the Guidelines the Assistant Dean replied that they were an operational definition of the word "review" in the Procedures and Controls for Honours as passed by Senate in May, 1976.

It was agreed that the report as submitted was incomplete, particularly insofar as previous documentation was concerned, and that what was needed were the procedures followed prior to the merger, the Senate document, and the Faculty document.

79-1-7

It was moved and seconded (Brian/Newsham) that the report on Guidelines for the Honours Committee be referred back to the Honours Committee for further study.

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

It was understood that the revised report, together with the requested documentation, would be submitted in time for the February meeting, and that the Honours Committee would attempt to clarify the position of the Committee concerning what might be the Council regulations with regard to admission and review, retention and review, and graduation and review.

It was suggested that the former Chairmen of the previous campus committees be invited to speak at the next meeting of Council.

8a) Concordia Medals and Prizes (ASC 79-1-D3)
(Registrar's recommendations to the Rector)

Dr. Wall indicated that he did not expect the Council to take any action on the document but that it was his hope that Council members might give the Deans some guidelines concerning the views of departments. The Chairman voted that the thrust of the report was that there should be only one award in each department which would be presented to the graduating students with the highest standing. He added that in those departments where there are now two such prizes, a choice would have to be made.

Prof. Habib, in referring to the statement on the Political Science award (page 4) said that it was the Vautelet prize which had been given to the student with the highest standing, not the Thibodeau, so that the choice would have to be made between the Vautelet prize and Quinn medal. He asked that Council take note of this fact.

Prof. Brian asked that he be informed as to the reason or reasons the Governor General's medal, on the Sir George Campus, traditionally had been an English Department prize.

It was suggested that the Steering Committee consider the possibility of drafting a statement on how the medals should be awarded.

9. Other Business

Arts and Science Faculty Panel (Regulations Regarding Cheating)

Dr. Wall explained the Arts and Science Panel (Regulations Regarding Cheating) was to replace the Sir George Panel which had been appointed last Spring. He suggested that six of those members be appointed to the new panel.

79-1-8 It was moved and seconded (Dubas/Lajoie) to approve the Steering Committee's nominations of Profs. A. Deland, P. Garnet, P. Widden, A. Doyle, S. Casey and E. Pechter.

There were no nominations from the floor.

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

The student representatives were charged with providing the names of the student members of the panel.

10. Next Meeting

February 2, 1979.

11. Adjournment

79-1-9 It was moved and seconded (Habib/Malik) to adjourn the meeting (4:45 p.m.)

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

Robert E. Wall, Chairman

Mona Osborne, Secretary